

REMARKS

Claims 1-40, 42 and 44-47 are pending in this application. In the Official Action mailed April 26, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-40, 42, 44 and 45, rejected claim 46 and objected to claim 47. The Examiner indicated that claim 47 would be allowable, however, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 47.

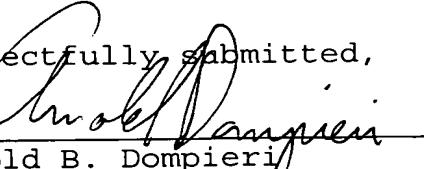
Applicants have canceled claim 47 and have rewritten claim 46 to incorporate all of the limitations of both claims 46 and 47. Claim 46, therefore, should now be allowable. Applicants also have corrected typographical errors in claims 12 and 25.

This application, therefore, now is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the timely issuance of a notice of allowance. If for any reason, however, the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone Applicants' attorney at 908-654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections that the Examiner may have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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